

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 26-30, and 32-44 are pending. Claims 1-16, 26-30 and 32-44 were allowed.¹ The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowance for these claims. Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,584,439 to Geilhufe.

With this amendment, the Applicant cancels claim 17. Consequently, the Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

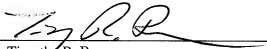
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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¹ The Office Action Summary page incorrectly indicates all claims were rejected.